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Exclusive CJN report by Oscar Berson

It is not true, absolutely-untrue, that Canada and France hold "similar views" on the Middle East conflict.

The report from Paris last Saturday carried by news agencies, including Agence France-Presse, and published by Canadian dailies, indicated the Leader of the Opposition, the Hon. Robert Stanfield, declared in France the position of Canada and France on the Middle East are identical.

According to reports, visibly inspired by the French Foreign Office, the news agencies stated that Mr. Stanfield made such a declaration after his meeting with Maurice Schumann, the French Foreign Minister. The Canadian ambassador to Paris, Mr. Baulieu, attended the meeting between the Leader of the Opposition and the French Foreign Minister. The story carried by Agence France-Presse described it in terms as though the Opposition Leader in Canada's parliament and the French Foreign Minister were celebrating a honeymoon of amity between Ottawa and Paris.

The Canadian Jewish News thoroughly investigated this report and it seems that it is a press canard in the best French newspaper tradition.

A spokesman for the Right Honourable Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the Prime Minister, authorized The Canadian Jewish News to publish the following statement:

"A spokesman for the Prime Minister stated that the views of France and Canada in relation to the Middle East are not identical."

At the closing of this issue Mr. Stanfield was still in Europe, and it is assumed that he also would deny this report by the French newspapers. The most important fact is: France did not sell its brand of Middle East policy to the Canadian government.

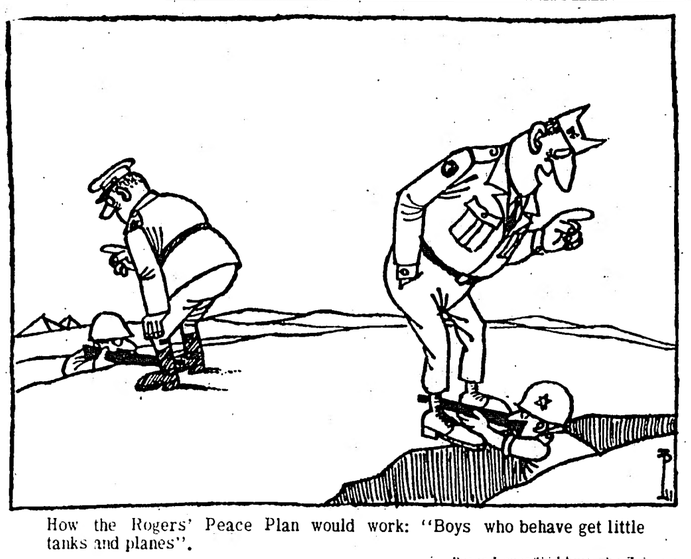
"Soviet fist in an Egyptian glove"

NIXON NOW AGREES WITH GOLDA

Zionist underground newspaper in Moscow

Geneva, (JCNS). - Exodus, a Zionist underground publication with the main emphasis on emigration to Israel, has begun circulating in Moscow, according to the Swiss Neue Zuercher Zeitung.

In an article on underground publications in the Soviet Union, the paper's Moscow correspondent said that only one issue of Exodus had appeared so far. It had begun to circulate in the Soviet capital in April of this year. According to the article, Exodus consists of "three main parts. The first contains collective petitions from Soviet Jews to U Thant the Soviet Premier, Mr. Alexei Kosygin, and other personalities, requesting permission to emigrate to Israel. The second part reproduces letters and statements by individual Soviet Jews. The third part contains laws, decrees and instructions to the authorities concerning journeys of Soviet citizens to Western countries. All the published letters and statements contain the name, age, profession and complete address of each signatory".



How the Rogers' Peace Plan would work: "Boys who behave get little tanks and planes".

Peter Leger/Süddeutsche Zeitung

Washington convinced Russia plans invasion of Suez Canal area

by the CJN diplomatic editor

The statement made by U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Joseph E. Sisco about "amphibious vehicles" delivered to Egypt by Russia has created world wide concern about the escalation of the Middle East conflict. Sisco, who is President Nixon's trouble shooter in delicate negotiations with the Soviet Union in finding a solution to the Middle East problem also said, in his Sunday interview with NBC, that he cannot consider these new deliveries as "defensive weapons".

In diplomatic circles, and especially at the United Nations, it is stressed that Sisco, a State Department official, very rarely makes public declarations: his interview on T.V. should be considered a deliberate and planned reaffirmation of President Nixon's most recent public warning to Moscow. It also is considered an indirect reply to the U.N. Secretary General U Thant who had minimized a week ago the Soviet arms deliveries as "defensive".

WASHINGTON DETERMINED

• International experts say that the United States, no matter how soft the language, is determined to have Russia remove the offensive war hardware from Egyptian territory in the same manner that Kruschev militarily evacuated Cuba.

• Opinion in France and England is unanimous concerning the seriousness of Washington's irrevocable decision not to let the Russians keep the position which would allow them to turn the Middle East into a new Vietnam.

• It is pointed out at East River that Sisco, although he spoke in diplomatic language, has not left any opening for negotiating with Russia the principle of Soviet military evacuation from the Suez Canal area. Also, this statement by the U.S. Under Secretary of State in charge of Middle East dealings does not exclude, according to the highest foreign representatives at the United Nations, the possibility of Soviet-American confrontation over the Middle East. The United States now is convinced that Russia, in the words of Israeli Premier Golda Meir, has used the famous "Salami tactics" in her military occupation of Egypt and Syria: it made one move after another in this direction, always accompanied by misleading information to Washington. Each time the U.S.S.R. established one position, it awaited the reaction from Washington. Each time the Arab lobby in the American capital succeeded in deceiving the United States, Russia proceeded with the next move.

NO SOVIET CROSSING

Sisco's T.V. interview is also considered to be an explicit warning to Moscow that Washington will not allow a Soviet crossing of the Suez Canal even with the guard of Egyptian soldiers. Sisco indirectly confirmed the Israeli intelligence reports that there are approximately 10,000 Soviet troops in Egypt (among them 50 generals) and they are armed for an offensive.

• The information from Washington that the United States is now resuming delivery of Phantoms to Jerusalem and also will provide the Jewish State with anti-radar equipment designed to minimize the effectiveness of the Russian missiles, presents a new opening in the conflict.

• Washington is determined to deliver to Israel as many planes as she claimed to have lost by Soviet attacks. It agrees with Israel's air force chief General Hod that the present situation east of the Canal represents "a Soviet fist in an Egyptian glove".

The United States government shares the opinion of General Hod that Isreal cannot "acquiesce" to this new aggression.

It seems, according to diplomats stationed at the United Nations, that Washington has decided to replenish Israel's defence reserves in order that Israel does not launch into employing more sophisticated weapons.

NIXON SEES U THANT

President Nixon last Friday, during a lunch session with U.N. Secretary U Thant, is reported to have warned that the United States means business and will not be pushed out from the Middle East under the guise of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In the meantime Soviet and American diplomats have resumed negotiations about a "political settlement". However, the U.S. Secretary of defence Melvin Laird assured Jerusalem that Washington is now doing everything possible not to allow Moscow to turn the Mediterranean into a Soviet lake. This, he said, is the only way to prevent a confrontation.

Joseph Sisco also told Israel's ambassador to to Washington, General Yitzhak Rabin, that the White House has instructed the U.S. ambassador to Moscow, Jacob Beam, to repeat America's warning to the U.S.S.R. Foreign Minister Andre Gromyko.

Neo-Stalinist antisemitism rampant

MORE ARRESTS IN LENINGRAD

London, (JCNS). - Russia's security organs appear to have embarked on a step-by-step round-up of every Jew who has ever openly requested permission to emigrate to Israel, the JCNS Foreign Staff writes. Observers of the Soviet scene say there is a real danger that this round-up may be extended to other sections of the Jewish community.

The latest batch of arrests to have become known involves seven Jews, five of them from Riga. They are Leiba Knoch, his wife Meri and Mrs. Knoch's father, Josef Mendelevich; the brothers Itzhak and Wolf Zalmanson -- all of Riga; Anatoly Altman, of Odessa, and Boris Pestner, whose home town is not known.

The arrests are in connection with the alleged attempt by a group of Leningrad Jews to hijack a Soviet airliner on June 15. The Zalmansons are brothers of Mrs. Silva Kuznetzov, who was arrested together with her husband as both were allegedly about to board an aircraft bound for a town near the Finnish border.

STALIN TRAP

The hijack affair has reminded Soviet Jews of the trap set by Stalin's secret police in 1945, just after the Second World War. A number of Vilna Jews who wanted to get to Palestine were approached by a Soviet pilot who offered to transport them to Rumania (from where it was then possible to reach Palestine).

But, after taking off, the pilot returned to the airport and the Jews were handed over to the secret police. Once in custody, they were forced to write letters to relatives, saying they had got safely away. The Russian pilot was then able to repeat his trick, which he did six times before it was exposed by a young child.

All the Jews held in the round-ups were sent to prisons and camps for long periods. Not all of them survived.

an editorial

NEW MUNICH OR NIXON-ROGERS RIFT

Confrontation in Washington—Mr Rogers and Mr Eban

The most recent events in the Middle East, resulting from the Soviet Union's military occupation of Egypt and Syria and its defiant acts of aggression against Israel, have caused a split on the highest echelon of American Government. The issue: a new Munich -- yes or no?

Last Saturday evening, in London, England, U.S. Secretary of State William P. Rogers practically divulged the division of opinion within the American Cabinet when he continued to express hope for a response to his "peace plan for the Middle East."

Rogers stated: the fact the Soviet Union and the United Arab Republic have not replied yet to his "peace plan" does "indicate they are giving it earnest appraisal."

Next day on NBC television, U.S. Undersecretary of State Joseph E. Sisco, declared:

a. The 1967 Security Council Resolution does not specify that Israel must retreat from ALL occupied territories.

b. It should redeploy into NEW and SECURE borders.

Sisco thus indirectly stressed the discrepancy between President Nixon's openly declared opposition to a Munich-like surrender of Israel by evacuating ALL territories regardless of security -- the basis of the so-called Rogers plan -- and Rogers' continuous flattery in Moscow's direction.

In fact, sources close to the American Embassy in London admitted that Rogers used the forum of the press conference to stress in diplomatic language the "steadily growing differences" between him and Henry A. Kissinger, the President's adviser on national security.

The White House in the last weeks took a tough line by speaking of the "explusion" of Soviet army personnel from the United Arab Republic while Rogers mentioned that the United States "never thought of expelling the Russians."

In fact, another point of dissension may be that the Security Council Resolution of 1967 intentionally omitted the expression, ALL TERRITORIES, as Russia then demanded and incorporated instead, retreat from occupied territories to secured and recognized borders.

This is why Foreign Minister Abba Eban, in his speech to the Knesset on Monday when he appealed to Egypt to discuss peace informally, also rejected the Rogers' ninety-days ceasefire, Israel, Eban said, is prepared to accept the ceasefire as ordered by the Security Council in 1967, which means total ceasefire, unconditional, not limited by time.

Eban's statement, together with his assurance of support of U.S. activity to stop the Russians in the Middle East, clearly stresses the determination of the Jewish state to insist on Soviet non-interference in the Middle East.

Israel also waits to see who will have the upper hand in Washington: Rogers, whose policy practically has encouraged the Russians to take one risky step after another, or the President of the United States, who knows by now that some State Department presentations have misled the country.

Some cynical observers in Israel said this week: eventually it will not be Russia that will retreat from its position; there is such a concentration of enemies against Israel that eventually the United States will backtrack.

In any case, the next few days will show whether a new Munich will be cooked up by Rogers or will the United States resume its policy of leadership and regain the confidence of its friends?

Commentary

by M.J. NURENBERGER

VACATION NOTES

QUEBEC'S HOT SUMMER

This village, not in Quebec's best known tourist areas, seems existentially behind the times. Its six-hundred inhabitants count proudly among them five "intellectuals" who subscribe to a daily newspaper. The others either are satisfied with the sensationalist weeklies that flourish in the province or do very well without reading any paper. The only hotel, the pride not only of the village but of the entire district, probably is THE PLACE for shattered Jewish nerves: complete quiet, serenity, no radio, no television, one telephone for emergency calls. Another achievement of the local farmers is the fact -- or so they say -- that Holstein cows here are the best bred.

The main street running parallel to the river even has a "bookstore". It contains about 300 to 400 paperbacks outworn from reading, probably left by guests at the inn and other vacationers. The entire store, tended by a young girl, must be worth fifty dollars. But the saleslady seems happy to discuss the world with one who has come from this unknown beyond where people continually are involved in political issues that seem irrelevant to this pastoral part of North America.

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Walking here, bathing in the river, is as good for the soul as is reading Thoreau after escaping shipwreck.

Yet the owner of that little bookshop, (whose livelihood is breeding Holsteins), lives across the street from the shop in a home that could fetch at least $100,000 in Montreal.

But Montreal seems so far away as London, England. Or is this is a superficial impression only?

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Those who do read the newspapers or listen to the radio seem to be involved in what is happening "in the big city."

To most of the villagers Caouette, Samson and the Social Credit leaders still may seem the political heroes understanding "the outside world". They, the Social Credit politicians, talk their language which the new university-generation may not understand.

Yet even here the change becomes noticeable. The chambermaid at the village inn introduces her son-in-law, the lawyer, who in turn proves to be of the new breed "not frightened" by the prospects of a hot summer in Quebec.

The bombs in Montreal, he assures the visitor, are not the doing of amateurs. They may be thrown by Quebeckers; but those who guide the hands of the criminals are foreigners: Cubans, Algerians, Syrians.

Look at the people here, he says, the French Canadians. They never will accept violence as a political instrument. "Those among us who understand the world and its problems are aware of the foreign agitators whom I know from university days. They will not change this country into a land of terror".

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Is xenophobia -- and antisemitism -- a danger? The young Quebecker looks at the visitor surprised: if there is a revolution in Quebec, the combat will be against those preaching violence.

The baker in this village, who prepares bread in his own home, the one mechanic available, the innkeeper -- they all are North Americans. And those who know and understand the march of events definitely are committed to a change -- but one not like those wrought in Africa, in anticolonialist revolutions.

Certainly, despite the bombs in this hot Quebec summer, one should not compare the political scene with the "paysage" in countries where people are oppressed by colonial regimes. How far is this village from Montreal?

An Israeli sniper keeps a watchful eye on the Suez Canal

TOMBSTONES FROM SHAVL CEMETERY TO PAVE STREET

London, (JCNS). - Tombstones from the Jewish cemetery in Shauliai, a small town in Lithuania, have been used to pave one of its streets, Kaliniukas Street, which leads from the town hall to the Lithuanian cemetery.

The 50 or so Jewish families in Shauliai, the survivors of a community of thousands killed during the Holocaust, were told some years ago that the Jewish cemetery was to be demolished and a housing estate constructed in the area.

It was suggested to them that the remains buried in the cemetery should be removed. This year, the last of the graves were emptied and the more ornate tombstones removed to an unknown destination. The rest were used to pave Kaliniukas Street.

The Jews of the town protested, but their protests were brushed aside.

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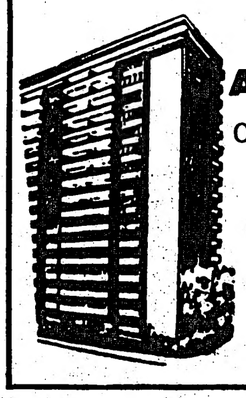

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T.A. VARSITY IN CRISIS

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - Only 2,000 of the 7,000 applicants for places at Tel Aviv University have been accepted for the forthcoming academic year.

Dr. George S. Wise, the university president, said that this was because of budgetary limitations.

First Israeli photograph of a Phantom jet being prepared by ground crews for a bombing mission against targets along the Suez Canal

NOVEMBER ELECTIONS IN NEW YORK STATE

by Richard Jaffe

One definition of "galut" -- exile, specifically Jewish exile -- someone once said, was when a Jew dreaded the election of another Jew to high office for fear that it might "call needless attention" to the Jewish community and would evoke latent antisemitism.

One wonders what galut-minded Jews in New York now think, following the nomination by the Democrats of four of the five top offices in New York State: Mr. Arthur J. Goldberg for Governor; Mr. Richard L. Ottinger, now a member of the House of Representatives, for the Senate; Mr. Adam Walionsky, for State Attorney General, and Mr. Arthur Levitt, the present State Controller, who was unopposed, to succeed himself.

The imbalance of this ticket is certainly to be used by the Republicans against the Democrats in the November elections.

A Negro, Mr. Basil A. Paterson, was nominated for the Lieutenant Governorship, the fifth top position.

Mr. Goldberg's main rival for the nomination was also a Jew, Mr. Howard J. Samuels, while Mr. Ottinger's most serious opponent, Mr. Paul O'Dwyer, who still speaks with the brogue he brought from Ireland some years ago, has been so identified with the Jews and the State of Israel that he is looked upon "like one of us". Before and during Israel's War of Liberation in 1948-49, Mr. O'Dwyer was one of the most active members of the clandestine group in New York which smuggled arms to the underground Jewish forces, and defied jail to do it. His detractors say that this was more out of Irish hatred for the British "Haman" than love for the Jewish Mordechai, but his close Jewish friends say this isn't so.

The race between Mr. Goldberg and Mr. Samuels was exceedingly close: less than 50,000 votes separated them at the end, and it was the preponderently Jewish precincts which put Mr. Goldberg first across the finish line. Mr. Samuels, on the other hand, ran best in conservative upstate counties, and in Irish, Polish and Italian urban areas.

Outside New York City, Mr. Goldberg made his best showing in suburbs which have a large percentage middle-aged Jewish residents, but in those suburbs which have a heavy but relatively younger Jewish population, the race was much closer.

The suburbs with their younger Jews had a significant impact on the election because more people came out to vote than in the urban areas. For example, the turnout of voters in the entire State averaged only about a third of the eligible registered Democrats, while in Great Neck, a heavily Jewish and rather well-to-do suburb, it was fifty percent.

Analysts will ponder long and carefully why Mr. Samuels, who is far from being politically conservative, ran so well in the areas which have been good to conservative candidates, as, for example, the sections populated by lower middle-income Poles and Italians. It could well be that Mr. Samuels was favored because, although a Jew, he had not been particularly identified with Jewish causes and Israel, and was therefore the lesser of two "evils".

It was Mr. Goldberg's first taste of elective politics, and he seemed to relish it more and more as the campaign swung along. He is far from being the ideal candidate. He has no flair for purple oratory, does not kiss babies gracefully and does not like to make campaign promises which he knows he cannot keep. This looks fine for a statesman but is deadly to a politician. He is better in interview programs over television than as a speaker before mass audiences, because the essential honesty and forthrightness of the man comes through to the viewer.

He and his wife voted at the polling place set up in Temple Emanu-El on Fifth Avenue, and he was asked whether he would change his campaign style in November when he will face the incumbent Governor, Mr. Nelson Rockefeller who, it must be said, has more of the indefinable "charisma" than does Mr. Goldberg.

"No," he said. "You're going to have the same Goldberg as always. I can't change myself, I can't brainwash myself. I am the man I have always been and I shall be the same man. I will not adopt an image".

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He told a press conference here that an economic slow-down would be inevitable in some measure if the situation became worse but "under no circumstances will devaluation be applied as a remedy".

The Finance Minister then attacked the stevedores' latest demands for a pay rise which, it is reported, is for a hundred percent of the present pay. This is likely to lead to a show down with the Histadrut secretary-general, Mr. Ben Aharon, who has been encouraging the stevedores to present their heavy demands as part of his struggle with the Ports Authority director, Mr. Haim Laskov.

The Government has become increasingly angered at Mr. Ben Aharon's attacks on industrial chiefs as a threat to labor peace. Mr. Sapir's blast yesterday, that "if the report on the stevedores demands are true, then it is pretty bad for the economy", may mean he has reached the limit of tolerance towards the Left-wing union.

MONTREAL NOTES

CONFERENCE

A national education conference will be convened by the Labor Zionist Movement of Canada in Toronto, October 30th, prior to the opening of the 11th triennial Labor Zionist convention. Educators and those involved in education at the Labor Zionist affiliated schools in Canada will be principal participants.

The conference will open with a luncheon addressed by an educational director as yet unnamed, on the theme: Teaching Zionism and Israel Today. It will be followed by a discussion by a panel of Canadian educators and leaders as well as conference participants.

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OPINIONS

by James Parkes

CROSSROADS OF FAITH

(This is the second article by the eminent Christian historian, James Parkes, in which he explores the possibility of Christian mediation between Moslem and Jew at the Crossroads of Faith.)

Ever since the Moslem conquest of the Holy Land, the Christian Churches (like the Synagogue) have possessed a special corporate identity, giving their leaders considerable power over the personal status of their members.

These rights were continued by the British Mandatory Power and by the Israeli Government. They govern today the status of the Orthodox Rabbinate as well as that of the historic Christian Churches. By "historic" I mean those eastern Churches already established in the Land at the time of the Moslem conquest together with the Latins, or Roman Catholics, who acquired corporate status through the Franciscans after the disappearance of the crusading kingdom.

The Anglican and Protestant Churches, which entered the land at various dates in the 19th century, never have had these corporate rights, either juridical or in holy places. However, this year the local Anglicans in Israel have received from the Israeli Government corporate recognition though, of course, they have made no claim to the possession of holy places.

In the present juncture the Christian community could, if it were so minded, play a unique role in the search for peace. In the first place it is the religious community drawn from much the widest spiritual experience. It is both western and eastern, and consists not only of permanent residents, whose ancestors may have dwelt in the land since neolithic times, but of representatives of all the churches of Christendom.

There is an Anglican archbishopric, there are Presbyterian, Lutheran and other European and American churches and communities. There are convent, schools and hospitals, open where appropriate to all the inhabitants. The Roman Catholics, in addition, have a number of communities of men or women which have both scholarly and communal significance. For example, in the Old City there is a unique ulpan where Arabs learn Hebrew -- or Israelis, Arabic -- run by the much beloved Sisters of Sion.

There is nothing parallel to this in the local presence of either Judaism or Islam. In both faiths it is only the narrowest traditionalism which has the control of the religious life of Jews and Moslems. The whole range of progressive Jewish thought is almost wholly excluded from Israeli life; certainly it has no official authority or even presence in the State.

So far as Islam is concerned, Palestine has historically never been an important center of Islamic studies; and for what streams there are of progressive thought, one has to turn from the Arab world to other fields of Islamic experience, whether in Asia or Africa.

The result is that it is among the religious Jews that one is apt to find a hawkish biblicism; and local Moslem spokesmen are more apt to be hostages to extreme Arab nationalism than courageous witnesses to the ideals of the first Arab caliph to send his armies into the Holy Land. For he told his followers to "be merciful and slay neither the old nor the young nor the women."

Jersualem, spiritual home of the three ethical monotheisms, is a dream of the future rather than a reality of the present. Nevertheless, the Christian position is not static and contains three interesting and hopeful developments in all of which members of the Anglican Church are active.

There is a deeper cooperation between some of the Christian Churches; there is a developing dialogue between Jews and Christians; and there is a growing conviction that to work for peace in the Middle East is a Christian obligation in Israel, just because the community contains both indegenous Arabic-speaking Christians as well as others from the West.

All this has been a relatively recent development. The center of the Jewish Christian dialogue is the Jerusalem "Rainbow Group" of which the president is Professor Zvi Werblowsky, also one of its founders. One of its most active Christian members is the Rev. Peter Schneider who just has become a canon residentiary of St. George's Cathedral. He and Dr. Werblowsky are largely instrumental in replacing the embarrassed silence of the Churches in 1967 with a deeper study and understanding of the issues involved. Their influence has been considerable on the attitude of the World Council of Churches.

This in turn led to more and closer communication between the Churches in creative confrontation with Israel and Judaism. There is now an Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity which, in the spoken and the written word, is introducing a "new realism into the phrase that Jerusalem is a meeting place." It works with the Israeli Ministry of Religious Affairs; it publishes a regular Christian feature in the Jersualem Post; its publications and reports circulate through the World Council of Churches. Its energetic secretary is Canon Schneider.

At the center of all the work for the acceptance of Christian responsibility for seeking peace and understanding are two archbishops, Archbishop Appleton, the Anglican, and Archbishop Laghi, the Roman Catholic Apostolic Delegate. Both have unique opportunities for contact with the Arabs as well as the Israelis.

I do not know the extent of the responsibilities of the Apostolic Delegate, but Archbishop Appleton's jursidiction extends from Persia to Libya and from Turkey to Ethiopia. His is a continual voice for peace, a voice coming not from governments but from Jews, Christians and Moslems in all the countries he visits. Everywhere he is asked: "Does the other side want peace? You know that we do."

It is still true that there are not nearly enough people ready to translate their desire for peace into a will to obtain it and to make sacrifices and face dangers for it. But the events of the last five years have brought into play a new potential for understanding between Israelis and Arabs, an understanding based on solid knowledge of both sides.

Inevitably the native Christians, being small minorities in the midst of the Arab world, have tended to be plus royaliste que le roi, plus catholique que le Pape. The initiative lies in the pioneering of men and women coming from outside. But, as their work gathers impetus -- and with the present leadership I believe it will -- the Churches can perform an immense service of understanding and interpretation from which both Jew and Moslem can benefit.

For basically the constant statement that this is a conflict between Israeli and Arab is false. Speaking Arabic or not is an irrelevant issue. There are three, not two, communities which have basic rights in the land -- the Jewish, the Christian and the Moslem. They appeared in the land in that order, but the representatives of all the three religions today comprise men and women who are descended from ancestors who have lived in the land since prehistoric times as well as those who can count but a few generations since they arrived from elsewhere.

For the land never has been exclusively Jewish, Christian or Moslem. It always has been a meeting place. At the present moment it is the Christian community who can most easily insist on that truth.

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BOOKS OF THE WEEK

by Dr. Arnold Ages

UNDER ATTACK

ZIONISM RECONSIDERED. Edited by Michael Selzer. Macmillan. 257 pp.

Apparently we are in the midst of a "silly season in the publishing industry", judging from Macmillan's recent venture in publishing Michael Selzer's latest attack on Jewish nationalism.

Selzer, it should be remembered, brought out another silly book a few years ago. It was called THE ARYANIZATION OF THE JEWISH STATE, a tasteless collection of the author's ideas about Israel's alleged racist basis.

The same prejudice informs Selzer's anthology of selections written by prominent Jewish figures, who at various times of their lives disputed the Zionist thesis.

Politics, as the saying goes, makes some strange bed fellows. In what other sphere could one have Yerachmiel Domb of the Neturei Karta sharing space in the same book with David Riesman, of THE LONELY CROWD fame?

Or for that matter how about Isaac Deutscher, Trotsky's biographer, pleading his anti-Zionist case right along with the Gerer Rebbe?

Two main things should be pointed out in assessing this volume. First that there is not one piece in this anthology written after 1967, the year in which the Jewish people, was treated, for the second time in our lifetime to the spectre of another holocaust.

Second, several of the authors represented in ZIONISM RECONSIDERED, such as Achad Ha'am, Yehezkel Kaufman and Simon Dubnow, -- while critical of certain phases of the Zionist program and philosophy, were not opposed to the Zionist idea.

Two of those mentioned above, Kaufman and Achad Ha'am, not only took up domicile in Eretz Yisrael, but contributed to the building up of the Jewish homeland in their own individual way.

Four of the spokesmen in Selzer's collection, represent extremist and literalist Orthodox positions ranging from the Agudah to Lubavitch. Their argument against Zionism is a specifically religious one, that setting up a Jewish state is contrary to messianic doctrines, at least as far as they understand those doctrines.

Those who espouse this position cannot be faulted for insincerity or assimilationist tendencies. Their view of Judaism admits of no "deviant" interpretations. One cannot, of course, accept their basic premise (Selzer himself, couldn't accept them but this doesn't stop him from parading their views) but respect demands that we listen to their arguments.

The rest of the writers include people like Isaac Deutscher, Hans Kohn, Morris Cohen and Claude Montefiore, -- all of whom find fault with Zionism because they feel it is parochial and in some strange way vitiates the universality of Judaism.

They also argue that Zionism has accepted the stereotype of the Jew advanced by the anti-Semite. The Zionist stress on normalcy and the emphasis on creating an agricultural Jew in place of the mercantile Jew are elements in Jewish nationalism which show that anti-Semitism has triumphed even over the Jew.

This is, of course, a specious argument. The Zionist movement arose out of a deep seated feeling that a reaction to anti-Semitism was needed. It did not create anti-Semitism, it merely accepted for the first time in history, the radical view that the only way for Jews to escape from two millenia of prejudice, was to reenter history by becoming a landed people once again.

The most intelligent essay in this book is a 1945 piece done by Hannah Arendt. Written at a time of great frustration within the Jewish world, Miss Arendt pointed out the dangers of Zionism being captured by its right wing extremists.

She predicted moreover, that the movement's demand for a Jewish state on both sides of the Jordan would precipitate unending Arab opposition -- a prediction which history has borne out.

Aside from Miss Arendt's cogent piece ZIONISM RECONSIDERED has little to recommend itself.

Principal of Jew's College

TORONTO'S RABINOVITCH DESCRIBES FUTURE PLANS

London, (JCNS). - Jews' College is planning to drop co-educational courses and to establish two separate departments for men and women students. Halachic objections to mixed courses have played a part in this decision.

This was stated by the principal-elect of the college, Rabbi Dr. Nachum Rabinovitch, in an interview with the JCNS at the end of his month-long visit to Britain. Dr. Rabinovitch returned to Toronto and hopes to take up his new position by next Pesach.

Describing his plans for the future, the principal declared that his primary aim is to remove the boundaries between secular and sacred studies. "Jews' College is no longer to be regarded exclusively for people who have chosen the ministry as a vocation."

To this end, courses in the sciences, humanities and philosophy are to be introduced for students who will also be studying Talmud and rabbinics.

"We want to produce people well-grounded in Torah and at home in the culture of our times, alert to the intellectual challenges of the twentieth century and familiar with the culture of Western society", Dr. Rabinovitch asserted.

To cater for the expansion of the academic program, the college hoped to take on up to 30 more staff members over the next five years. "We will look for them in Britain, where they will receive preference, and abroad".

The principal admitted that he did not know how the college would finance this expansion. But many people in different walks of life had expressed enthusiasm for the "new concepts and direction involved", and he hoped that this enthusiasm would be translated into financial terms.

600 new buses to improve Israel transport network

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Mr. Ezer Weizman, Israel's Transport Minister, told the Knesset that his Ministry would buy this year 600 new buses in order to improve public transport.

Standards would be laid down for new types of buses to give greater comfort to passengers and bus routes would be reorganized.

Meanwhile, he said, he would ask members of the bus co-operatives "to tighten their belts a little" in view of the country's economic situation and the growing costs of defense. He praised the cooperatives for the good services they were giving to the country, and said the fares they were charging were among the lowest in the world.

Mr. Weizman is the first Transport Minister to tell the House that a private car was not a luxury. Since the increase in the rate of motorization was an important factor in the country's economic growth, he felt that a review of the national policy respecting the role of private transportation should be reassessed to see whether it was in line with Israel's social and economic policies.

IMPROVE TRAFFIC

He gave warning to the House that unless a sum of $170 million was invested in the coming five years to make traffic flow more easily, a serious bottleneck would hamper the country's overall development.

PRIORITY TO JEWISH EDUCATION

London, (JCNS). - The establishment of a Zionist Federation secondary school was urged at an education conference held in London last week by the Federation of Women Zionists.

One delegate suggested that many more parents would send their children to ZF day-schools if they knew that there was a good follow-up.

Mrs. Immanuel Jakobovts, wife of the Chief Rabbi, said that unless Jewish education took priority both in the home and in the community, "the children will not be ours and the community will not survive".

The conference, over which Mrs. G. Webber, chairman of the FWZ presided, also tackled the problem of propaganda amongmembers of the movement and in the non-Jewish world.

GAZIT AIDS S.A. SCHOOLS FUND DRIVE

Johannesburg, (JCNS). - Brigadier-General Shlomo Gazit, the head of the Israeli Army's military Government section, has visited Johannesburg in support of the campaign of the South African Board of Jewish Education to raise more money for its day schools.

The Board owes $700,000 on its day schools, costing $60,000 a year in interest charges, and because there was not enough room, 400 children had to be refused admission to the Johannesburg schools this year.

Mr. Louis Sachs, the Board's chairman, has reported conversations with Mr. Yigal Allon, Israel's Deputy Prime Minister, on the need for a world conference on day schools to contribute to "more meaningful" Jewish education. Such a conference is likely to be held in June next year.

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Stanfield misquoted

FRANCE, ISRAEL AND CANADA

Last weekend the French press reported that Opposition Leader Robert Stanfield had expressed his satisfaction that Franco-Canadian rapport again has become normalized.

According to Agence France-Presse, "France and Canada have similar views on most international problems of importance," Stanfield said. His statement was made after a lengthy conference of the leader of the Conservative Party with Foreign Minister Schumann.

Stanfield was even more specific about a new honeymoon in the relations between Ottawa and Paris; he spoke of the "cordiality prevailing between the two countries".

In an extremely diplomatic tone, Mr. Stanfield added, "The misunderstandings that could have existed now seem to have been discarded and it seems that the rapport has become normalized."

Mr. Stanfield was visiting the French Foreign Minister several days after French President Georges Pimpidou had made a new statement on the Middle East.

That statement — in which Pompidou once and for all had erased all speculation that France had changed its policy on the embargo against Israel, and had put an end to any hope for a French normalization of rapport with the Jewish state---had provoked sharp criticism from Le Monde. In a front page editorial published on July 4th, Le Monde deplored the President's intransigence about the Middle East. This outstanding French newspaper, very close to the Foreign Office, though independent, regrets that Pompidou apparently ignored Arab responsibility in keeping the war flames alive in the Middle East and placing Israel in the position "of the only obstacle to peace."

Thus Le Monde, a newspaper close to the French Government, regrets Pompidou's blaming the Jews for all the trouble in the Middle East.

According to Paris sources, the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Stanfield, stated that the two countries, Canada and France, hold "similar views" on the Middle East.

We refuse to believe that Mr. Stanfield could have made such a statement. We know Mr. Stanfield to be a man of integrity. Thus how could he have said something obviously untrue?

The Canadian Jewish News was told by the Prime Minister's office that the views of Canada and France on the Middle East are absolutely non-identical.

We suggest that upon his return the Leader of the Conservative party investigate the source of this "news report".

Quebec girlie to terrorist: Careful, his bomb may hit me. . .

(cartoon from the last issue of Nouveau Monde, the French monthly published by the Canadian Jewish News editors)

ASK THE RABBI

a JCNS featurette

Q. According to rabbinic tradition, the Patriarchs knew and observed the Torah. How, then, could Jacob marry two sisters, or Abraham marry the daughter of his father? (See Genesis 20, 12).

A. First, it should be noted that not all the rabbis held that the Patriarchs observed the Torah before it was given. Many rabbis held that the Patriarchs only kept the "seven laws of the sons of Noah" (see Ginzberg: Legends of the Jews, Vol. V, p. 259). According to the view that the Patriarchs did keep the Torah, certain exceptions were none the less made "for the sake of heaven." There was much discussion on this in the Middle Ages; for instance, does Genesis 18, 7-8, mean that Abraham gave his visitors first milk and then meat, and not both together? (See Ginzberg, p. 235) Modern scholars have detected in the statements about the Patriarchs keeping the Torah an anti-Christian polemic, the Christian claim being that one could be a good man without the Law as evidenced by the Patriarchs. Incidentally, according to one rabbinic interpretation of Genesis 20, 12, Sarah was not Abraham's half-sister, but his brother's daughter (see Rashi to this verse).

Q. Being in a strange town one major festival I was refused admission to the synagogue as I did not have a seat. Would you say this is justified? I cannot imagine a church turning away someone like this.

A. I can imagine a Church turning away visitors when a special service was being held where seats were in short supply. If the church did give preference to visitors over regular congregants it would surely be guilty of privilege in reverse. But I am not defending the practice of turning people away. Generally speaking synagogues do keep aside a few seats for visitors, but it is hardly fair to descend on a synagogue without warning on a major festival. The correct thing to do if you intend to be away from home on these festivals is to write in good time to the rabbi or the officers of a synagogue in the town you intend to visit and it is very unlikely that you will be other than welcome.

Q. How does Hebrew come to be written from right to left? Should we not modernize the script and bring it into line with almost universal usage?

A. The question why the Hebrew language came to be written from right to left has been asked before in this column. I replied then, and I am no wiser now, that I did not know. However, whether or not this was the original reason it has been suggested that "right" in the Jewish tradition symbolizes such concepts as justice, mercy and righteousness.

As to whether we should modernize the script, No, no, no! Why should Hebrew (or for that matter Chinese) be "brought into line with almost universal usage"? Variety is the spice of life. The effort required to read the present Hebrew script is little in comparison with the difficulties of learning the language itself, and is in any event a small price to pay for preserving the tradition and the beauty of the ancient script. For most of us, to "modernize" the Hebrew script in this way would be an act of Philistinism akin to the practice (adopted fortunately in very few congregations) of substituting the "modern" instrument of a trumpet for the shofar, the oldest musical instrument known to man.

Book sale at Sotheby's

HEBREW TREASURE UNDER THE HAMMER

by Harry Rabinowicz

One of the greatest Hebrew book sales of modern times took place on June 30, 1970 at Sotheby's of London. Up for auction was the collection of printed Hebraica owned by the family of David Solomon Sassoon.

The twentieth century has seen the United States emerge as the repository of magnificent collections of Judaica. Inevitably, as the new world acquired treasures, the old world was depleted. From Britain went the famous Israel Solomon (1860-1923) library of 1,800 books and 11,000 prints. No other collection, apart from the British Museum holdings, throws so much light on Anglo-Jewry from the re-settlement to the mid-nineteenth century.

Other British losses include the Elkan Adler (1861-1946) collection of 3,500 books and 4,000 manuscripts, the David Moshowitsch (1887-1957) archives of 28,433 documents dealing with the work of the Board of Deputies of British Jewry and the massive responsa library of Rabbi Pinhas Jacob Kohn.

The Yeshiva University in New York recently acquired the 6,753 books and 32 incunabula of the late Berthold Baruch Straus library of London. The library of Lazarus Goldschmidt was shipped to the Royal Library of Copenhagen. And now Britain may well loose the Sassoon collection, so lovingly collected, to the highest bidder.

It is hard to repress the chauvinistic hope that at the eleventh hour, these priceless books will be reprieved for Anglo-Jewry or acquired for the State of Israel.

David Solomon Sassoon (1880-1942) was one of the great bibliophiles of the twentieth century. Love of books was a family tradition. His great-grandfather owned a fine library which was partly destroyed when the Persians invaded Basra. Bibliophile before businessman, Sassoon devoted his life to the accumulation of a library and was always mindful of the advice of Judah Ibn Tibbon of Lunel (1120-1190) "make thy books thy companions and let thy bookcase and shelves be thy pleasure grounds and gardens".

In 1932, David Sassoon published a two-volume catalogue-under the title "Ohel David". In 1,112 pages (plus 276 pages of indices), he described 1,153 manuscripts in learned yet lucid terms. There is hardly one facet of Jewish thought that is not well represented in the Sassoon collection which covers nearly a thousand years. The art lover can feast his eyes on exquisitely illuminated manuscripts, Geniza fragments, festival prayers and marriage contracts. Outstanding among them is the Farhi Bible with 359 illuminations.

After the Austrian Anschluss in 1938 Sassoon began to disperse his library. An entry in his diary on April 11, 1938 records: "I was afraid least the Nazis bombard London. I felt it my duty to preserve my manuscripts. I took a number of them to Winchester safe deposit, Broad Street, London. I placed them in the strong room. I embraced and kissed them and I reflected whether I should ever set my eyes on them again."

Unhappily Sassoon's premonitions were justified. He never saw his manuscripts again. Bombed out of his London home, he settled in Letchworth where he dedicated himself to helping refugees and other war victims. He died in 1942 and his son Rabbi Solomon David reassembled the collection.

It is estimated that today there are extant some 150 Hebrew incunabula printed before 1500. Seventy of them are in the British Museum. The Sassoon collection has 40 incunabula and 28 printed on vellum. Of great value are the commentary on the Pentateuch by the scholar and poet Abraham Ibn Ezra (1089-1164), printed in Naples in 1488, and "Hovot Halevavot" ("Duties of the Heart") by Bahya ben Joseph ibn Pakuda (1050-1120) written in Arabic, translated into Hebrew by Judah Ibn Tibbon and printed in Naples in 1489. Another rare item is the first edition of a Hebrew-Arabic Italian dictionary, printed in 1488; there are only two other copies in existence.

First editions abound. They include the first medical treatise printed in Hebrew (1491), the first mathematical textbook printed in Hebrew in 1532, the first dramatic poem written in Hebrew (1673) and the only work of rabbinic responsa printed in the fifteenth century.

Important, too, is the second edition of the travelogue of Rabbi Benjamin of Tudela, the twelfth century Spanish rabbi, who visited some 300 places in France, Italy, Greece, Syria, Palestine, Iraq and the Persian Gulf. This is a vital reference source for Jewish sociologists and historians. Only one other copy of this edition (1556) is extant.

Not even the British Museum possesses such unique works as a copy of the Former Prophets with the commentary of David Kimhi printed in Lera in 1494, a Festival prayer-book printed in Salonika in 526 and a prayer book printed on vellum in Venice in 1527.

Of unique significance too is the first book printed by Gershon Soncino, the famous Italian Jewish printer whose family produced nearly half of the Hebrew incunabula.

Also under the hammer went a number of tractates of the first complete edition of the Babylonian Talmud printed by Daniel Bomberg (died 1549) whose press produced about 200 books in just over three decades. Of tremendous interest to Biblical scholars is the Pentateuch with the Targum of Onkelos and the commentary of Rashi which appeared in Bologna in 1482, probably the first printed Hebrew edition of the Pentateuch.

Among the 19 Hagadot offered at the sale is a first edition of a commentary by the statesman, philosopher and Bible exegete, Issac Abravanel (1437-1508), and the first Chasidic Hagada published in 1794. Altogether there are 186 items on sale, the first part of a collection which represents every sphere of Hebrew thought and the finest examples of Hebrew typography.

The art of book burning was perfected with Teutonic thoroughness during the Second World War. Hundreds of Jewish libraries were demolished in vast orgies of vandalism that made the flames of the auto-da-fe pale into insignificance. Now, with the "ingathering of the exiles", could not this priceless collection be preserved in a national Jewish depository?

DEATH ON THE DNIESTER

by Lord Russell of Liverpool

What Hitler called the Final Solution of the Jewish Question, which was a euphemism for the extermination of all the Jews in Germany and the occupied countries, was at first accepted by Rumania only to be rejected later but not late enough to save many hundreds of thousands from being murdered.

The plans for the deportation of Jews from Rumania were drawn up originally in Adolf Eichmann's department and carried out under the supervision of Hauptsturmfuhrer Richter, his representative in Rumania. Early in 1941 anti-Jewish laws were enacted and the looting of Jewish property began.

On January 31, Antonescu's revolutionary Legionnaires aided and abetted by the German occupation forces broke into all Jewish houses, street by street, ransacked them and arrested their occupants who were then either tortured and killed on the spot or marched into the forests and machine-gunned.

The province of Transnistria, better known in Western Europe as Transdniestria, was formed on August 19, 1941 and comprised the territory between the river Dniester, which is known in Rumania as the Nistru, and the river Bug in the southermost corner of the Ukraine. It remained in existence only until March 20, 1944, when the Russians reconquered it.

It is about this "Forgotten Cemetery" as he calls it, that Rabbi Julius S. Fisher has written a book just published by W. H. Allen.

The harrowing acts of Nazi bestiality towards the Jews -- registration, segregation, humiliation, degradation, deportation, exploitation and extermination -- were all repeated here but the Rumanians themselves went further. They made the Jews march in the depths of winter naked or wrapped in paper, they raped their wives and their daughters wholesale, and in Odessa 20,000 were burnt alive.

Rabbi Fisher states that Transnistria was the cemetery for 200,000 Jews. According to some estimates the number was less but this is, surely, of no importance. When I wrote a history of Nazi war crimes, entitled "The Scourge of the Swastika", I stated that the total number of Jews exterminated by Hitler was 5,000,000. One of the literary critics who reviewed the book stated that an expert on "population changes" gave the number as 4,372,000 as though it were possible to estimate the number of Jews exterminated to within the nearest thousand.

The number given by the prosecution at the Nuremburg trial of major war criminals was 6,000,000, but the real number will, of course, never be known. But as Cassandra wrote, in his column in the Daily Mirror, after the review had appeared "What's a million among friends. . .how do you reduce the crime of murder by saying it's more forgiveable because the dead aren't so thick on the ground?"

The extermination of millions of Jews under Hitler's orders, whatever the exact number may have been, and the fact that Adolf Eichmann, the head of a small department in the Reich Security Head Office, was able to implement Hitler's criminal plans without so much as a protest is a reminder, never to be forgotten, of the appalling and disastrous effects of totalitarianism on men's minds.

The Yemen and Sudan by Moshe Ron

THOSE OTHER AREAS OF CONFLICTS

Tel Aviv. - Several years ago, Nasser sent his soldiers to Yemen to fight against the royal regime. He interfered in a civil war. Hence the outcome of his actions was not favorable.

During the five years of battling, he invested $100 million; several times his army incurred heavy defeats. Throughout these bloody fights his men could not defeat the monarchists. In 1967 he finally retreated. Following this, the monarchists increased their attacks on the Republicans. The tribes in the north and east supported their leader, Imam El Badr.

The civil war continued for three more years. The successes and misfortunes afflicted both sides. Sometimes it seemed that the monarchists would score a decisive victory over the Republicans. But at the last minute their attacks were repelled and the Republicans started a new offensive.

After the Summit Conference in Khartoum following the Six Day War, King Feisal of Saudi Arabia became chief supporter of the monarchists. He demanded that Nasser cease his campaign to overthrow the regimes in several Arab countries. The latter, after his defeat in the Six Day War, fearing he might lose the annual contribution of 60 million pounds sterling from Saudi Arabia, agreed. He stopped his activity in some Arab countries including Yemen.

Feisal exploited the situation and tried to induce the Yemenite leaders to come to peace terms. The Republican leaders saw that their entire plan -- to turn Yemen into a pro-Communist, satellite state -- would not work. They made it clear to Feisal that it would be more important for him to achieve peace with them than with the monarchists.

Three Republican leaders -- President Irani, a religious judge, Prime Minister Muchsin El Eini, a leftist Baath member, and General Omri, who led the negotiations behind the curtain -- met with King Feisal and reached an agreement which provided for an appeasement conference between the leaders of both parties. Until the peace conference, a certain number of monarchist representatives were to be incorporated into the Parliament of Yemen and its Government.

The Republicans insisted on maintaining a majority in the most vital departments of the Government. Liberal leaders of both sides declared that everything possible should be done to avoid further bloodshed. One of the most prominent Republican leaders, the veteran fighter against the monarchist regime of Imam-El Badr, Achmed Mohamed Noeman, demanded an immediate end to the war. He most probably will play an important role in the new unified government of Yemen. It is hoped that the new regime there will adopt a neutral policy and that King Feisal may hold some influence upon the foreign policy of Yemen.

The Republican leaders of Yemen understand that without peace with King Feisal there can be no end to civil war. They also know Nasser cannot afford another rift with Feisal when he tries to concentrate all Arab forces against Israel. Therefore he relinquished his influence in Yemen. He is satisfied with the fact that the monarchist regime in Yemen had been removed and a revolutionary republican regime had been established.

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Saudi Arabia sent a plane with monarchist leaders to Sanaa, capital of Yemen. The proposed peace had encountered strong opposition in some Arab countries with leftist regimes. The leadership in Aden started a fierce campaign against a peace agreement among the population of Yemen. It charged the Republican leadership of betraying the interests of the Yemenites. Also Syria and South Yemen joined in this strong criticism. But apparently they will not succeed in their endeavors to avoid peace in Yemen whose new leadership most probably will cool off in its flirtation with Communist and leftist regimes.

Nasser understands well the quotation: who has money has influence. Saudi Arabia has money and Nasser will have to swallow the bitter pill and postpone his aim to rule over all Arab countries.

The peace agreement in Yemen will follow another one shortly between the Iraqi authorities and the Kurds. On the other hand, the rebels in Sudan still continue their fighting.

The Paris daily, France Soir, reported recently that approximately ten thousand rebels in Sudan are equipped with modern weapons. They have established an exile government in Uganda, calling itself the Republican Government of the Nile.

France Soir states that Israel delivers the weapons via Uganda to the rebels and that Sudanese students from South Sudan are taking military exercises in Israel. Israel has decided on such aid as the Sudanese regime actively supports the Arab states in their war against it.

As it happens, the rebellion in the Sudan continues and the announcement of the Sudanese regime, that it has succeeded in suppressing the rebellion, is not quite true.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A CALL FOR ACTION

Dear editor:

I am calling on the Jewish community and friends of Israel to wake up and do something.

Russian penetration into the Middle East is very dangerous to the world and especially to Israel. Their intervention militarily is of great concern to every one of us here and/or that matter to the whole western world. We in the Diapora must do all we can to protest this Russian involvment.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Russians are arming the Arabs to the teeth, they are piloting Egptian combat planes, buildig and operating SAM3 misile installations without consideration for human lifs on the Israeli side.

The situatio in the Middle East is deteriorating to such an extent that is alarming. We must not become complacent becaus Israel's enemies are waiting for that.

Besides the physical Russian intervention, their Anti-semitism against the Jews is growing from day to day according to concrete evidence contained in two booklets I recently received entitled, "Israel In Soviet Cartoons", and "Let Us Go -- The Cry Of Russian Jews".

Through the media of your newspaper I shall like the Jewish community and the friends of Israel to become fully aware of the hazardous conditions in the Middle East and the plight of Soviet Jewry as well as the dirty propaganda published daily in the Russian newspapers.

It is high time that letters of protest be addressed to the local papers as well as to the Members of Parliament provincially and federally. Demonstrations should be planned immediately to strongly protest this vicious Russian move endangering world peace.

Henry Cohen-Sittayoun.
Toronto, Ont.

KEEP SMILING

REASONABLE

The young couple were in the fourth row at the concert of an internationally famous tenor.

"Oh, what a beautiful voice," exclaimed the girl.

"What's so wonderful about it?" asked the jealous youth resentfully. "If I had a voice like that I'd sing just as well!"

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

New Neighbor: "Hello, little boy. What's your name?"

Little Boy: "My name's Benjy. Are you the 'Awful People' who just moved next door?"

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Seven - year - old Irving Kornblum, son of a wealthy producer, was late for school. He gave the teacher a note from his mother:

"Please excuse Irving for being late. Due to the heavy rains, our electronic gates would not open and he had to wait for the butler to arrive and boost him over the wall."

WATCHFUL EYE

Mom and Pop were at the movies and Grandpa was telling seven-year-old Julie a story. But, absolutely fascinated, Julie kept watching her heavily bearded grandfather as he smoked a cigar down to the nub while he told the bedtime story.

Suddenly Julie interrupted the fairytale. "Can you spit through your wiskers?" she asked.

Grandpa smiled. "Why sure, Julie."

"Then you better start. Your whiskers are on fire!"

LOST

A group of prosperous businessmen were having dinner.

"Seems to me you are getting a little slimmer," remarked one.

"I should be!" replied the other. "I went on one of those high protein diets. Nothing but expensive steaks and chops. And would you believe it? In just two weeks I lost thirty dollars!"

SERMON FOR THE WEEK

THE ASS AND THE ANGEL

And the ass saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way . . . (Numbers 22:23).

The Bible describes the Messiah as a humble man riding on an ass. Why did the Prophet Zechariah (9:9) suggest the lowly ass as the beast that would carry the Messiah? In the story of Balaam (Numbers, Chapter 22), we are told that the ass saw the angel, but that Balaam, the Mesopotamian prophet, did not. While the Bible enumerates a number of animals, only the ass is said to have seen the angel of the Lord. Perhaps it is because, despite the lashing that Balaam inflicted upon the animal, it still carried him on its back.

Sometimes people give the impression of being an ass, an imbecile, or an idiot. Prince Myshkin in Dostoevski's *The Idiot* appears foolish, but is in reality very wise and good. The simple peasant girl in Hauptman's *Der Arme Heinrich* offers her blood to cure her master's leprosy. There are thousands of people who humbly and silently suffer and bend their backs for the good of others. For the merit of such people will the Messiah come.

One who engages in an altruistic cause, or selflessly tries to ease the burdens of others, is often called as ass or an idiot and is ridiculed as a fool. But who knows? It may be that such fools —such asses—may well be the very vehicle that shall carry the long awaited Messiah on their backs.

FROM HEAVEN ON YOUR HEAD, by Dr. S.Z. Kahana, adapted by Rabbi Morris Silverman. By arrangement with Hartmore House, Hartmore House, Hartford, Conn.

TORONTO AFTER DARK

FELICIANO AND HAWKINS SINGERS

Jose Feliciano, hailed as one of the most notable of today's single performers, will appear with the Edwin Hawkins singers at O'Keefe Center next week, for one week only.

The young Puerto-Rican guitarist-singer, blind from birth, first appeared in a Toronto coffee house as an unknown four years ago. Now he returns as an international artist who, in a matter of months in 1968, made his mark in best selling records, as a star on TV and as a topranking concert attraction.

His first major guest appearance came on TV when he was featured on The Bing Crosby Show.

The Edwin Hawkins Singers grew out of the Northern California State Youth Choir. Response to the group was so great that Hawkins, the organizer, decided to form a permanent choir and began spreading the good musical word at various colleges and churches. They are an international phenomenon.

DRAMATIC PICTURE

A new Canadian dramatic motion picture, produced by Westminister Films Ltd. for the Canadian Cancer Society, is expected to play between 800 and 1,000 theaters from coast to coast during the balance of the year.

Entitled, The Flower, the entertaining and informative film just has been given the Creative Excellence award of the U.S. Industrial Film Festival in Chicago. It stars Henry Ramar in the role of Dr. R. L. Noble, who headed a team of Canadian scientists in 1958 at the University of Western Ontario. Supporting actors are Leo Leydon, Ron Hartman and Robert Newman. Director: Don Haldane.

The story tells of the discovery of a new cancer killing drug called VLB. Dr. Noble, currently head of the Canadian Research Center and Professor of Physiology at the University of B.C., is seen tracking down the essential elements in the periwinkle plant after he found that tea made from it destroyed white blood corpuscles in laboratory mice. Out of this came an extract which now is effectively treating a form of cancer called Hodgkin's disease.

YOUTHEATER

Ontario Youtheater is the formation of one-hundred young people who call themselves Summer Company 70. It is any theater that involves youth, the aspirations, desires, needs, energies and drive of youth. It derives its force and dynamism from youth and from their way of looking at life in 1970.

They are working now on their premier production of Babel, written especially for the company by the British playwright G. V. Galway. Artistic director is Candace O'Connor; average age of the cast is 18.

RED BARN SCHEDULE

The third production of the season at Red Barn Theater in Jackson's Point is Neil Simon's Barefoot in the Park, playing this week through Sunday, July 19th. Director is Larry Ewashen. Cast: Robin Cameron as Corie Bratter; Michael J. Reynolds as Paul Bratter; Betty Leighton as Mrs. Banks; Tony Lloyd as Victor Velasco; Steven Whistanco-Smith as telephone repairman.

AGENDA

Vera Callow and Associates present The World Before Your Eyes, an outstanding travel-adventure film series, at Cedarbrae Collegiate Auditorium in Scarborough.

Films are: London to Lands End, October 4th; China, November 1st; Thailand and Japan, November 29th; South Seas Adventure, Jan. 10, 1971; Bavaria, March 14, 1971; Isles of the Mediterranean, April 18, 1971.

NEW IN TOWN - Jose Feliciano, who will perform at Toronto's O'Keefe Centre next week, through Saturday, July 25th.

TV CAUSES CLOSURE OF MANY HAIFA CINEMAS

Haifa, (JCNS). - Seven of Haifa's 15 cinemas are to be converted into wedding or bar mitzvah halls because cinema attendance has dropped by over 30 per cent during the past year, mainly as a result of the spread of television, according to a spokesman for the Cinema Owners' Association.

While television had hit cinemas all over the country, he said Haifa had been particularly badly affected because TV reception in the city was very good, both on the Israeli channel and from Beirut, the latter being very popular with Arabic speaking audiences.

The 100 percent entertainment tax on cinemas had eaten into profits, and cinemagoers were repelled by lack of repairs in the most of the shabbly finished halls.

Wedding halls on the other hand are good business. People have to wait for months to book one.

the lively arts

THEATRE MUSIC FILM

by D. COHN

* Dr. Gustav Heinemann, West German President, placed a wreath recently on the grave of Nelly Sachs, Nobel literature prizewinner, in Stockholm Jewish Cemetery during his official visit to Sweden. Miss Sachs, who was born in Berlin in 1891 and had been living in Sweden as a refugee since 1940, was awarded the Nobel literature prize in 1966 jointly with S.Y. Agnon, Israeli author. Both have died recently.

* Prompted by the Soviet Union and other East European countries, Israel has been suspended from this year's European volleyball champions cup. The East Europeans alleged that teams visiting Israel would not be safe because of the "unsettled conditions."

* Many "disappointingly low prices" were realized at Sotheby's, London, last Tuesday when the first part of the Sassoon collection of Hebrew printed books was put up for auction. Highest price was $33,000 each for the 1482 first edition of the Pentateuch, printed on vellum, and another 15th century vellum Pentateuch and Torah with Megillot. Prices of over $60,000 were expected for each of the works.

* All members of the Moscow Philharmonic Orchestra, which played in a series of concerts in Buenos Aires recently, have received a letter pleading for their intercession with the Soviet authorities and public for the restitution of religious and cultural rights to Soviet Jews. Daia, the representative organization of Argentine Jewry, also pleaded that Soviet Jews wishing to do so should be allowed to leave for Israel.

* H. Beem, Yiddish writer, and Mrs. H. A. Polak-Schwarz, who established a scholarship fund for intending students of Hebrew at the Hebrew University, were among the recipients recently of the Dutch Silver Carnation for 1970, in Amsterdam.

* Israel is represented at the Venice Biennale by three artists: Michael Argo, a figurative artist who gradually developed towards an abstractionist; Ruth Zarfati, well known for her vividly expressive puppet designs; Amihai Shavit, researcher into kinetic art.

Italian critics in general have favorably noticed the Israeli pavilion which offers an image of "sanity" in an exhibition in which inflated giant plastic shapes, slanting floors and rolling spheres are submitted to a puzzled public.

* Asked whom he admired most, Woody Allen considered then answered, "As a child, the Three Stooges; now, Spiro Agnew."

* Yakov Uriel, 23-year-old trumpet virtuoso at El Avram is a protege of Louis Armstrong.

* Elliott Gould's new film opposite Faye Dunaway, The Thing of It Is, will be made partly in Italy and partly in New York.

* Everybody knows about amateur chef Danny Kaye's penchant for Chinese food. Now he's hunting some seafood preparation tips.

* Gustava E. De Rothschild, daughter of Baron and Baroness Elie de Rothschild, was married last week in a religious ceremony to Marc E. Leland, general counsel for the Peace Corps in Washington. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert A. Leland of San Francisco.

The ceremony took place at the Rothschild estate, Val d'Oise, at Toyaumont in the Ile-de-France area, where Baron de Rothschild, one of the three heads of the Paris banking house, owns the La Faisanderie mansion. Officiating at the Jewish rite were the Grand Rabbi of France, Jacob Kaplan, and Rabbi Sarat.

After an undisclosed honeymoon, the couple will reside in Washington.

* A Turkish production of Fiddler on the Roof before a Greek audience may sound like Babel, but in Athens it spells success. The opening performance last week brought a standing ovation from the Greek crowds.

* Rika Zarai, an Israeli singer, is considered a French as well as an Israeli star. Born in Jerusalem, she became an established performer in Israel by 1958. She sang poems by Bertold Brecht, Haim Hefer and Natan Alterman, put to music by contemporary Israeli composers. In 1960 she began performing in small clubs in Paris. Within three years she was appearing at Bobino and the Olympia with Jacques Brel.

1970 TORONTO SUMMER MUSIC FESTIVAL

The Council of the City of Toronto, through the Department of Parks and Recreation, in conjunction with the Toronto Musicians' Association, through a grant from the Trust Fund of the Recording Industries and the Toronto Daily Star, are pleased to announce the following programmes:

PROGRAMME FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 19th TO JULY 26th

SUNDAY, JULY 19th
2:30 p.m. High Park — The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Band; Guests - Judith LeBane & Stan Kane
2:30 p.m. Kew Gardens — Ellis McLintock & His Orchestra
2:30 p.m. Willowvale Park — Bob Minns & His Orchestra
5:30 p.m. High Park — Organ Recital - Ronnie Padgett
7:30 p.m. Earlscourt Park — Bob Minns & His Orchestra
8:00 p.m. Nathan Phillips Square — Pops Symphony - Conductor - Dr. William McAuley

MONDAY, JULY 20th
2:15 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Glenview School — "Commedia Del Arte"
7:15 p.m. Alexandra Park — Children' Theatre: Cinderella
8:30 p.m. Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m. Greenwood Park — The Frank Szoke Village Polka Band

TUESDAY, JULY 21st
2:15 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Rosehill Reservoir — "Commedia Del Arte"
8:00 p.m. Allan Gardens — The Queen's Own Rifles of Canada Band
8:30 p.m. Withrow Park — Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd
1:00 p.m. Nathan Phillips Square — The Shan Clifford Group Guest - Bozha Grahavic
2:15 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Davisville Park — "Commedia Del Arte"
8:30 p.m. Eglinton Park — Ellis McLintock & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m. Riverdale Park — The Linda Kent Band Guest - Ted McGillivray
8:30 p.m. Monarch Park — Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m. Dufferin Grove Park — Square Dancing - Angus McKinnon & His Orchestra

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd
10:15 a.m., 2:15 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Withrow Park — "Commedia Del Arte"
7:15 p.m. Regent Park North — Children's Theatre: Cinderella
7:30 p.m. Forest Hill Memorial Park — Jazz Concert - Russ Little Quintette
8:00 p.m. Nathan Phillips Square — Community Folk Art Council
8:30 p.m. High Park — Square Dancing - Bob Scott & His Orchestra
8:30 p.m. Kew Gardens — Square Dancing - Al Aylward & His Orchestra

FRIDAY, JULY 24th
2:15 p.m. & 7:45 p.m. Ravina — "Commedia Del Arte"

LETTER FROM ISRAEL

HEIFETZ ENLIVENS THE MUSICAL SCENE

by Peter Gradenwitz

A rather dull Israeli music season is moving to its end, and we shall soon be leaving the now inevitable Beethoven memorial cycle, but before the season proper began, there were some memorable events.

The most moving experience was the Israeli premiere of Benjamin Britten's "War Requiem", conducted by Istvan Kertesz and George Fischer (for the second orchestra), with the outstanding British singers Heather Harper, Robert Tears and John Shirley-Quirk as soloists.

In these times of tension and tragedy, of sacrifice and war, the message of Wilfred Owen's poetry, interpolated by Britten in juxtaposition to the Latin prayers for the dead, and the angel-like chant of a children's choir (directed by Ephraim Marcus), had an almost personal ring for us in Israel.

Almost at the same time, there was a series of concerts by Yasha Heifetz and Gregor Piatigorsky, who both rarely appear at public concerts now.

They had inquired before hand whether the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra "had any use for us" these days, and the reply was, of course, an enthusiastic "Yes". The resulting concerts were not only a great artistic success but also outstanding social events in Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Each artist gave a solo recital and then they combined in a conductor-less performance of the Double Concerto with Orchestra by Johannes Brahms. They handed over their fees to Mrs. Golda Meir, the Israeli Premier, for defense funds. The concert promoters did the same with their profits.

Piatigorsky, who was accompanied by his pianist and friend of long standing, Ralph Berkowitz, ended his recital with a composition of his own, specially written for the occasion, a "Prayer for Israel".

Heifetz, who 17 years ago cut short a visit to Israel because a still unknown fanatic had bodily attacked him in Jerusalem or his inclusion of a Richard Strauss sonata in his recital program, was angered this time because the Philharmonic did not provide foreign correspondents with tickets for his only Tel Aviv recital. It thus remained widely unreported abroad.

Three important Israeli symphonic works have recently been given their premieres in Israel -- the Israel Philharmonic played "Symphonic Mitamorphosis on a Chorale by Bach" by Paul Ben-Haim, conducted in exemplary fashion by the young Israeli, Ilyakum Shapirra; Mendi Rodan, chief conductor of the Israel Radio Symphony Orchestra, conducted the IPO in the world premiere of "Rihs", a symphonic elegy by Oedoen Partos; and Yoseffal's Double Concerto for violin, violoncello and chamer orchestra were performed by the violinist, Pinchas Zukerman, the cellist, Usi Wisel, and the Israel Chamber Orchestra. This was conducted by its founder and director Gary Bertini.

The last two works were commissioned by the Lotti Steinberg Founation set up by the conducto, H. W. Steinberg.

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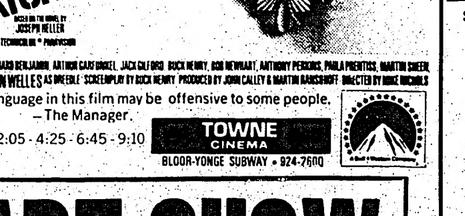

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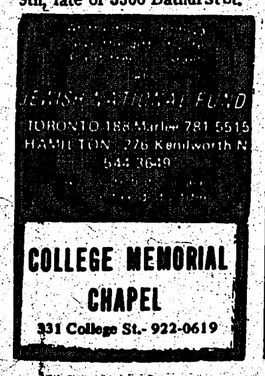

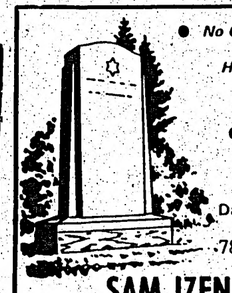

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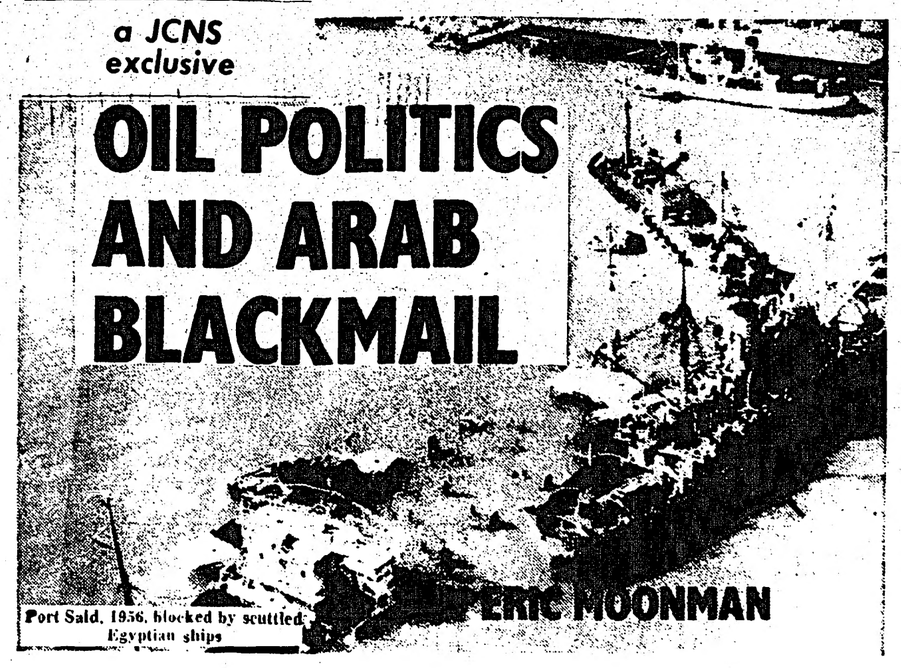
OIL POLITICS AND ARAB BLACKMAIL



Port Said, 1956, blocked by scuttled Egyptian ships

Any British Government is bound to feel a special affinity with Israel if only because it is the only democratic nation in that part of the world and, indeed, a socialist government must have a special sympathy with another socialist government.

But is friendship with Israel a sufficient ground on which to base Middle East policy.? While our economic involvement with the Arab world is so great, can Britain ever commit herself wholeheartedly to the Israeli cause? Does it boil down to having to placate the Arabs in order to keep our cars on the road?

Politics and trade can never be kept wholly apart in international affairs, as the three crisis periods of the 1950s and 1960s demonstrate.

There were lessons for both sides in the Abadan dispute with Iran in 1951. The producer countries realized their total inability to run the industry or market their oil, and set about remedying this. In the meantime they began looking for new concessionaires, as a result of which American companies gained a firm footing in the area. But the oil companies learned too: they began to look for new reserves, not only in the Middle East, but in Canada and North Africa.

The next major crisis came in 1956 when, following the nationalization of the Suez Canal by Egypt and the Anglo-French invasion, the Suez Canal was blocked and the pipeline through Syria blown up. The immediate result was highly profitable for the shipowners and produced, once the Canal was re-opened, a surplus of tankers. The long-term effect however, was to emphasize to the companies once again how dangerous it was to depend too heavily on oil from an area as politically unstable as the Middle East, and efforts to find alternative supplies were stepped up.

The third crisis came with the Six-Day war in 1967. This had two effects: First following accusations of assiting Israel, supplies of oil to Britain and the United States were cut off. Britain met the embargo by increasing her 5 per cent intake from Iran, by then the most prolific and stable of the Middle East oil producers, to 62 per cent, and filling the remainder of the gap with supplies from the United States and Venezuela. The Arabs sold their oil to countries not affected by the embargo, which did not last.

Secondly, the Suez Canal was again closed: in the short-term this was met by bringing back into service the tankers converted to grain carriers after 1956. In the long-term, the closure served to speed up the development of the new super-tankers of 100,000 tons and above. These are comparatively cheap to run and, as the larger ones are too big to go through the Canal, the crisis has served to reduce the importance of the Canal permanently. A year after the crisis it was possible for the British Government to reduce the oil surcharge it had introduced.

Between them, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq alone are responsible for 17 per cent of the total world production of oil and the Middle East is estimated to have at least 60 per cent of the world's "Published Proved" Reserves. Significantly, however, exploration and development are largely in the hands of foreign, mainly US and UK companies. It is the international oil companies, who control the markets, and where any threat to supplies is concerned, they tend to stick together. Even for political ends the Arab countries do not yet feel strong enough to risk alienating them.

So far Britain's BP and the Anglo-Dutch Royal Dutch Shell are the only two European trans-national oil companies. France, Germany and Italy have all built up substantial companies of their own in their efforts to minimise reliance on foreign suppliers, but they lack the resources and flexibility of the major companies and this makes them vulnerable to pressure from the producer countries. A genuine EEC oil policy, with Britain inside the Community, would give all concerned greater security in this area.

It is also important to bear in mind that there is a world surplus of oil. While Britain gets some 80 per cent of her oil from the Middle East this need not always be so. Proved deposits in, for example, Canada, have not yet been fully developed, and recurrent crises affecting Middle East oil could well send the big companies elsewhere.

The growth rate for oil as a source of energy in Europe is, in any case, likely to slow down, partly because the rate of decline for coal will have diminished and partly through the increased use of natural gas and nuclear power. Oil as a raw material for chemicals and plastics, and even edible protein, still offers considerable scope for growth.

The surplus will however be likely to drive the Arab countries into closer competition with each other to find new markets for their oil: finds in North Africa, Libya and Abu Dhabi will add to the already existing conflict between political and commerical interests.

Other factors in Britain's commercial dependence on the Arab Countries are more difficult to assess.

How much of Britain's sterling balance for instance, would definitely be at risk in a crisis situation would depend on how far the countries involved feared reprisals. The economy of the host country is at least as dependent on foreign investment as that of the investing country -- and Britain's total investment in the Middle East is close to $1,000 million.

Further, by far the largest amount involved is in the sterling area, which means that Britain, as banker for the area, has additional bargaining power. In addition, recurrent bouts of speculation against the pound over the last two decades have strengthened Britain's ability to deal with major withdrawals of sterling.

The volume of general trade, is considerable: total UK exports to the Arab Middle East for the 12 months ending December 1969 exceeded $600 million. The Arab League, mindful of its frustrating political and military weaknesses, has set up a boycott office to bring foreign companies into line with its destroy Israel policy. It has however, become clear that effectiveness of the boycott is exaggerated.

The most recent Board of Trade booklet "Hints for Businessmen" makes this plain: "Make quite sure that you are under no false impression regarding the extent of the Arab Boycott. Good business in Israel is constantly lost because of the misplaced fears of British business men on this issue. Commercial Relations and Exports Department of the Board of Trade will be glad to give advice". Sometimes the boycott is nullified from its source, because of the unwillingness of the Arabs to deprive themselves of particular goods. The recent blacklisting of British Leyland specifically excludes the Rover division.

The other side of the trade balance must not be ignored. If Britain adopted a more pro-Arab policy, for example, there would be a trade with Israel. The figures here are impressive by any standard. Two years ago, Britain exported $147 million worth of goods to Israel; last year the figure was $306 million. British businessmen are increasingly interested in trade with Israel. For example, an Israeli exhibition in the scientific/industrial sector in December in which 30 British firms were expected to participate, in fact drew more than 120.

Another aspect of trade other than oil is the arms trade. It is not possible to extract the figures for UK arms exports to Arab countries from the trade accounts, but, whatever the amount, any cessation of trade in this area would undoubtedly hurt the Arabs at least as much as it would hurt Britain.

Finally, effective trade embargoes need unanimity of purpose among those operating them. Contended as Kuwait and Saudi Arabia may be to finance the military escapades of Egypt and Jordan, they are nonetheless anxious to maintain their commercial links with the West. Their anxieties are shared by other major oil producers -- Abu Dhabi, Qatar, Bahrein, Muscat and Dubai. It is difficult to disentangel the Arab trade figures, but if the hard-liners are isolated, the amount of trade at risk is only about $375 million. Over Abadan and Suez, we lost 1 per cent of our total trade.

It may be beyond the power even of the Treasury to work out the sums exactly, but it seems fairly clear that Britain could well afford to take a tougher line with the Arabs and be more open in our support for Israel. We hold rather more cards than the former Foreign Secretary seemed to think.

S.A. JEWS HEDGE ON RACE ISSUE

Johannesburg, (JCNS). - The South African Board of Jewish Deputies has decided against taking any stand on the question of race relations in South Africa.

After a three-hour discussion at its congress held here, the Board decided that it must abstain from entering the political arena on questions of race.

But Jews, as citizens, it was agreed, should try to promote understanding, goodwill and co-operation among various races and seek a peaceful and secure future for all on the basis of the principles of "justice and dignity of the individual."

The chairman of the Board's public relations committee, Mr. A. Suzman, Q.C., appealed to the Jewish community to create a South African Jewish opinion in which race relations were not exclusively a matter of politics but concerned human values. "Let us destroy the current myth that politics must be divorced from morals", he said.

"Let us foster greater realization among our own community at least so that it may eventually spread to others, that what is called for is not narrow sectional interest, but deeper concern for human dignity and human suffering -- justice for others no less than for ourselves," he added.

JEWISH SCHOLAR IN TORONTO - Professor Moshe Sambatyon, internationally known encyclopedist, and author of a 10-volume Encyclopedic Dictionary of The Talmud and other books, now is visiting Toronto.

Professor Sambatyon, 45, who lives in Montreal, has been working on the dictionary for 20 years. All ten volumes have been completed, but only the first two have been published so far. The first volume was printed in Israel in 1955 before Sambatyon came to Canada; the second in 1964, with the help of two grants totalling $4,000 from the Quebec government. Dr. Sambaryon is also editor of the Canadian Jewish Reference Library.

DIGS IN ISRAEL

Tel Aviv, (JCNS). - More than 25 archaeological digs in Israel and the occupied territories are planned for the summer. They are in addition to the all-year-round program of the Government Antiquities Department.

BULLETINS

GOLDA'S STIRRING CALL AT UNION CONFERENCE

Jerusalem, (JCNS). - Mrs. Golda Meir, the Prime Minister, urged Israeli teachers at their union conference here to instil in pupils a love of peace and simultaneously, a preparedness to perform deeds of heroism for the right to live in peace.

"If ever the teachers of Israel had a duty, it is today", she said. "Even today we lack what other peoples have -- a life of quietude without anyone raising doubts as to the right to exist. Nothing is more terrifying than to hear the 'great news' that someone has announced that he recognises our right to exist".

The teachers had an obligation to "implant in our children's hearts the faith that not everything is evil... and to teach them in the light of our long history how we overcame all because we had the courage not to submit to the mighty".

ANGLICAN ARCHBISHOP OF JERUSALEM HAS A PLAN FOR PEACE

London, (JCNS). - The Most Rev. George Appleton, who recently was accorded official recognition as Anglican Archbishop of Jerusalem by the Israeli Government, said in London that a simultaneous declaration of intent by Israel and the Arab countries might lead towards peace in the Middle East.

In a sermon at St. James' Church he said the declaration by Israel might state that she would progressively withdraw from occupied territories with small and agreed adjustments. "At the same time, the Arab nations might state that, given the assurance of progressive restoration of the occupied territories they would step by step undertake the provision of secure borders by agreed demilitarized zones."

Both sides, he added, might conclude their simultaneous declarations with an invitation to Mr. Gunnar Jarring, U Thant's envoy to the Middle East, to return there "to take his part in the implementation of the declared intentions".

If both sides agreed to this, the Archbishop said, the United Nations would be asked to set up working parties to help to adjust new boundaries consider the problem of demilitarized zones and that of the necessary supervisory force, and plan a solution to the refugee problem.

OVERCROWDED HOSPITALS POSE A PROBLEM

Haifa, (JCNS). - Beds lining the corridors of most Israeli hospitals today are causing many problems, Mr. Moshe Soroka, the director-general of Kupat Holim, the Labor Federation Sick Fund, stated here last week. He forecast even further overcrowding.

In 1964, he said, a ratio of 7.5 beds for each 1,000 persons was established. The country was now slipping behind that figure. It was not building hospitals fast enough.

He noted, however, that the 7.5 ratio was a minimum, and that the high rate of traffic, work and war injuries during the past few years should have led to its readjustment.

To maintain even the present situation of "beds in corridors", the nation must build 500 to 700 beds a year, taking into consideration the arrivals of new immigrants and the natural birth increase. It takes five to seven years to build a proper hospital. Not only no new hospitals were being build, but all fugure building plans had been frozen by the Government, Mr. Soroka stated.

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TORONTO WOMEN'S NEWS

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FALL PROJECT

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HUMAN RELATIONS

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QUESTION: We moved into a two family home three years ago, when our daughter was 2.

The owners are a charming and intelligent couple with three girls. One is retarded. She is in a school for slow learners. Due to the close surroundings this girl played with my daughter constantly. When I brought other children to play with my little girl, she would pull away to another area of the house.

This girl's mother was never around to notice that her daughter was becoming very annoying.

Our child attends kindergarten and is in day camp for the summer.

Somebody told me that this girl pulled her panties down and told my child to do the same. I know there is a certain amount of sex play and inquisitiveness among children. But isn't it serious when a 13-year-old does this to a 5 1/2-year-old?

We finally told her parents. Needless to say they became very cold towards us, and told us to watch our child. I think they didn't believe us. The situation is very strained. We plan to move in a year or so, when our lease expires.

ANSWER: Little children love it when older ones seek them out and play with them. It gives them a feeling of importance.

They have an older playmate who tells them what to do, from whom they can learn, and whom they do not have to obey.

But when an older youngster is a continuous playmate to a younger child, the younger one inevitably begins to wonder why a big girl like her has to play with a little one like herself. Not getting answers from the grown-ups, they come up with answers of their own, which sometimes create undue fears and anxieties.

A slow learner is not necessarily a retarded child. These youngsters can often be trained in a vocation, and interestingly, have been found to work very well with young children. When little children love them and respond to their care, they feel accepted and even superior.

But some parents who are disappointed in their youngsters require very little of them. They excuse their neglect by saying it is unfair to pressure a child to do more than she is capable of.

At first, you permitted this girl to play with your little one, perhaps out of pity for the girl and sympathy for her parents. But too, you wanted to be accepted by this warm and intelligent couple, not only as neighbours, but as friends. Even when you began to disapprove of the girl's behavior, you did nothing for fear that it might hurt the relationship.

Children around the age of 4 or so, whose questions about sex are not answered, will act out their inquisitiveness and curiosity by disrobing themselves or others. However, when this is done by someone older, it plays into their childish wish and fantasy to do this very thing with their own parent. It does not answer their questions about sex, but only makes them feel guilty to have their wish satisfied in this way.

Although these parents love their daughter, they still see themselves somewhat stigmatized, and at times resent the care she requires. When somebody reports such misbehavior it says they have failed again, and have done a poor job in the rearing of their child.

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As far as this 13-year-old girl is concerned, you can continue to be friendly with her. But you must always be around when she comes into your house. But, most important, this episode must be brought out into the open and discussed with your little daughter. You should explain that such behavior is really no answer to her natural and healthy curiosity, and that if she wants to learn about sex, she should ask you, and you will be more than happy to teach her.

Once you have discussed this matter with your little girl, you will feel more relaxed, and the atmosphere in the home will become less tense. The relationship between you and your landlords could also become less strained.

But, wherever you may live, you can never move away from the responsibility of supervising your child and screening the youngsters who want to play with her.

BUT NECESSARY

by Ruthie

I met up again with my favorite friend, the cab driver. Nu, this time his philosophy centered upon how necessary women are -- even if they're a pain in the neck. I must admit, though, I triggered it off.

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I was on a shopping spree and wanted him to go along the Expressway rather than weave in and out in the side streets.

I didn't mention it to the last driver so my bill rang up about a dollar more. Well, I just wasn't going to risk being a sucker again.

"Why eppes (somehow) not the regular way? Don't you like nice scenery?"

"I love it!" (Darff-ikh kriegen -- I need to fight?) "It's just I'm in a hurry." (That's telling him off in a ladylike way.)

"Nu, I always tell my wife not to be a back seat driver. But now I'm stuck. How can you tell somebody else's wife not to be a back seat driver?

"Does your wife drive?"

"Lady, she ain't even got a license. Even so, she's not bashful to tell the inspector how to go. She figures, if she'll ever go a little too far, she can always give him some chicken soup with matza balls."

After a slight pause which, I thought, had ended the conversation, he added,

"But you can't do without them."

"That's for sure," I emphasized.

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Nu, this driver must be one-track minded. Because he went on, sarcastically, of course,

"My wife knows everything. Need a plumber? She'll tell you what to do. Need a doctor? She'll diagnose what's wrong. Got a complicated case on your hands? She knows just the right lawyer.

"She knows everything. Only I wish she's stick to making chicken soup. In fact, soup's her prescription for everything."

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"The other night one of the kids had a stomach ache. Such cramps! And oif tzalukhas (just for spite) our doctor was out. But finally someone showed up.

"You think the wife was satisfied that at least the cause of the cramps was pinpointed? Appendicitis!

"'It can't be!' she's telling the doctor yet. Can you imagine? Look at all the years of hard work, not mentioning money, before he got his M.D. diploma. So she has the colossal khootzpa (nerve) to contradict him.

"The poor guy couldn't even answer, he was so surprised.

"'Look,' the dumb cluck elaborated, 'she's not vomiting -- and I heard with appendicitis you vomit. And see how straight her legs are on the bed. Doctor, you should please excuse me, couldn't it be something else maybe? Maybe some chicken soup will help?'

"Of course, how we found out is a long story, but it wasn't the appendix.

"Nu, go figure out women! To this day, if you ask her how come she was so sure, she'll say, 'I don't know. He just looked like a shneider (cutter).'

"So go do something. You just can't be without them."

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"You think I can't do something in the house maybe? I just play dumb. Because who wants to be bothered after driving a hack all day?

"So I yelled at her the other day because the faucet in the bathroom sink keeps dripping.

"Can't you get a plumber?" I roared.

"'What! Get a plumber yet? And pay him $7.50 he should tell me all I need is a fifty-cent washer?'"

And he sighed in resignation.

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Recipe for the week

FROZEN LEMON PIE

3 egg yolks, well beaten
1/2 cup sugar
1/4 cup lemon juice
2 tsp. grated lemon rind
2/3 cup crushed vanilla wafers
1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Place the yolks, sugar, lemon juice and rind in the top of a double boiler. Cook, stirring, over simmering water until the mixture thickens.

Remove from the heat and cool to room temperature.

Sprinkle a 9- or 10-inch pie plate, preferably metal, with half the crumbs.

Fold the whipped cream into the cooled lemon mixture and pour into the pie pan. Sprinkle with remaining crumbs and freeze until firm. Cut into wedges to serve.

Yield: 8 to 10 servings.

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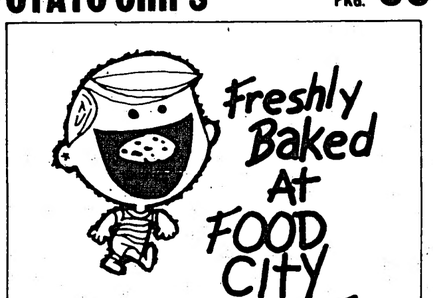

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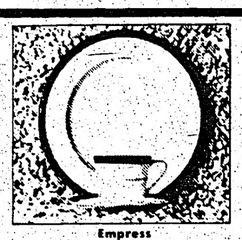

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